

Psalm 79 – Study Note

Authorship:

Written by a descendant of Asaph (Asaphite Levite) during or soon after 586 BC.

Historical Context:

Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC by King Nebuchadnezzar II.

After an 18-month siege:

The Temple was burned and defiled.
City walls and palace were completely destroyed.
Many people were killed; bodies left unburied.
Survivors were taken into exile in Babylon.

Main Message of Psalm 79:

A raw lament and urgent prayer:

Describes the horror: Temple defiled, blood shed like water, no one to bury the dead.
Pleads with God to make Himself known to the nations that do not know Him.
Asks God to deliver His people and avenge the blood of His saints for the glory of His name.

Key Theme:

Destruction caused by sin and rebellion, yet hope remains in God's mercy and future praise from generation to generation.

Connection to Christ:

Points forward to the suffering of God's people and ultimately to Jesus, the true Passover Lamb who bore ultimate reproach and judgment.

Summary:

Psalm 79 is the cry of God's people after the Temple's destruction in 586 BC — a plea for God to act, judge the nations, and restore His glory.

All glory to Jesus Christ.



*Make Yourself Known to the
Nations Who Know You Not*
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